

In the Specification:

On Page 3, delete paragraph [0006] and insert corrected paragraph [0006], as follows:

[0006] While this MAZE III procedure has proven effective in treating medicinally refractory atrial fibrillation and associated detrimental sequelae, this operational procedure is traumatic to the patient since this is an open-heart procedure and substantial incisions are introduced into the interior chambers of the Heart. Consequently, other techniques have been developed to interrupt atrial fibrillation and restore sinus rhythm. One such technique is strategic ablation of the atrial tissues and lesion formation through tissue ablation instruments.

Page 8, delete paragraph [0025] and insert corrected paragraph [0025] as follows:

[0025] In another specific embodiment, the accessory includes a transmural system which determines when a particular ablation is completed. The ~~transmutality~~ transmural system may be adapted to measure the electrical characteristics of the local tissue to measure at least one of conduction time, conduction distance, conduction velocity, phase angle, and impedance through at least a portion of the targeted tissue. In another embodiment, the transmural assessment system is based on a passive

interface to the target tissue, minimizing the impact of certain misleading signals corresponding to one or more tissue characteristics. Using the transmural assessment information, audio or visual feedback may be provided to indicate the completion of an ablation lesion. In other examples, the feedback information may be applied for automatic closed-loop control of a tissue ablation instrument.

Page 8, delete paragraph [0026] and insert corrected paragraph [0026] as follows:

[0026] The present invention may further include a jaw activation mechanism suitable for manual clamping by a surgeon. Alternatively, the jaw activation mechanism may include mounting elements upon the jaws which are designed to cooperate with surgical instruments allowing a surgeon to apply clamping force using standard surgical instruments such as, for example, graspers and forceps ~~for example~~. Last, another embodiment includes a jaw activation mechanism which may be remotely activated for use during less invasive procedures.